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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. RE HOUSING. THIS IS THE CURRENT SITUATION:
A. APARTMENTS TO BE PROVIDED UNDER MARCH 26 PROTOCOL:
NUMBER OF APARTMENTS - DUE DATE - ACTUALLY RECEIVED

- SEVEN - JULY 1, 1977 JULY 4, 1977

- SEVEN - JAN 1978 NONE
B. APARTMENTS DUE TO BE PROVIDED UNDER AGREEMENT ON CONDITIONS OF CONSTRUCTION (12/04/72):

NUMBER OF APARTMENTS - DUE DATE - ACTUALLY RECEIVED

- FOUR - JULY 1, 1977 THREE AUG 1977

- NINE - MARCH 1, 1978 NONE

2. IN SUM, THE SOVIETS OWE US THE SEVEN APARTMENTS UNDER THE MARCH 26 PROTOCOL PLUS ONE UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT. AS OF TOMORROW THEY WILL OWE US NINE
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MORE FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN.

3. IN A SORT OF DESPERATE PLAY ON FEB 23, KULIKOV (CHIEF, CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, UPDK) TOLD THE FBO CONSTRUCTION TEAM THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD "SOON" PROVIDE THE SEVEN APARTMENTS PROMISED IN THE MARCH 26 PROTOCOL, BUT THEY WERE FOR USE BY FBO PERSONNEL. WE REJECTED THIS

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OUTRIGHT IN WRITING THE NEXT DAY. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT (GREETING AND CLOSING DELETED) OF THAT LETTER WHICH WAS ALSO POUCHED TO EUR/SOV.

A. BEGIN QUOTE. I REFER TO YOUR DISCUSSIONS OF FEB 23 WITH ATTACHE EUGENE BALLARD OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

B. IN THE COURSE OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS I UNDERSTAND THAT UPDK INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO DELIVER SOON THE SEVEN APARTMENTS DUE IN JANUARY UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MARCH 26 PROTOCOL. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT UPDK STATED THAT THESE SEVEN APARTMENTS SHOULD BE USED FOR FBO CONSULTANTS AND EMPLOYEES WORKING ON THE NEW EMBASSY PROJECT. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, UPDK SHOULD KNOW THAT THE EMBASSY WILL NOT USE ANY OF THESE SEVEN APARTMENTS FOR FBO PERSONNEL. AS THE EMBASSY HAS POINTED OUT TO THE SOVIET SIDE MANY TIMES IN DISCUSSIONS, IN WRITING (SEE THE EMBASSY'S LETTERS OF JUNE 13, 1977, JULY 5, 1977, FEBRUARY 17, 1978), AND IN THE TEXT OF THE MARCH 26 PROTOCOL ITSELF, WHICH SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO THE "REQUIREMENTS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW," THESE 14 APARTMENTS ARE FOR EMBASSY USE AS DISTINCT FROM THOSE APARTMENTS WHICH ARE REQUIRED FOR FBO PERSONNEL UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ON EMBASSY SITES SIGNED IN WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 4, 1972. THE WRITTEN RECORDS ON THIS MATTER ARE QUITE CLEAR, AND IT DOES NOT HELP EITHER SIDE FOR UPDK CONTINUALLY TO CONFUSE THE TWO REQUIREMENTS FOR APARTMENTS.

IN SUM, THE EMBASSY WILL USE THE SEVEN APARTMENTS DUE

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UNDER THE MARCH 26 PROTOCOL FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL, NOT FBO EMPLOYEES. HOUSING FOR FBO EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE PROVIDED ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE EMBASSY'S LETTER OF JUNE 13, 1977, AND MR. BALLARD'S SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH UPDK. END QUOTE. MATLOCK

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